

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

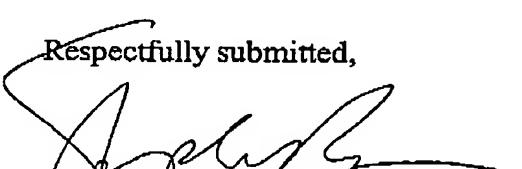
Claims 1-9, 24 and 31-36 are pending herein. Claim 1 has been amended to correct a typographical error and claim 24 has been rewritten to include the subject matter of allowable claim 25, which has been canceled hereby. Claims 10-23 and 26-30 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants will file a Continuation Application to further prosecute claims 10-24 and 26-30.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner indicating that claims 1-9 and 31-36 are allowed, and that claim 25 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. In light of the claim amendments submitted above, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-9, 24 and 31-36 are now in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by the Applicants would be desirable in placing this application in even better condition for issue, he is requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,


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